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A KIND

BUT FRANK WORD TO THE EDIT-
OR OF THE NATIONAL
RIP-SAW.

The October number of The Nation-
al Rip-Saw has come to me.

It is a rare thing that any man will
submit to being told of his faults, es-
pecially publicly, and take with good
grace, and I can only rely upon demon-
strating that my feeling is one of
kindness to the Rip-Saw, in order to
gain, as I hope its confidence in the
sincerity of my profession that I want
to promote its happiness, and that of
all of us, in which I am saying, though
some of the things I say will be se-
vere.

My reasons for feeling friendly to-
ward the R-S, are that it takes the
same view of some things that I do.

It is opposed to liquor drinking,
and my first open opposition to the
Christian religion came from the fact
that the Bible and the Christian re-
ligion are the friends of liquor drink-
ing.

Many Christians naturally want to
defend the Bible against the charge of
favoring liquor drinking, but no intel-
ligent fair man can do that in the face
of the fact that, according to the New
Testament, Jesus Christ made liquor
and gave it to people to drink as a
beverage and drank it himself and told
his disciples to drink it.

The Mohammedan religion overran
the very country in which Christian-
ity originated, largely on the ground
that Christianity taught liquor drink-
ing and that Mohammedanism opposed
it.

The Russians, leaders in Christian-
ity, and the Japanese, leaders in ath-
eism, have lately been brought into
marked contrast, and the world has
said that the superiority of the Jap-
anese, in all that makes true men, lay
largely in the fact that the Russians
are liquor drinkers and the Japanese
are not.

In any paper that you can find that
is published in the interest of the
liquor trade, you find the editor quot-
ing the Bible as authority for the
liquor business, and in all of my long
and extensive experience with news-
papers I have never yet seen a paper
published in the interest of the liquor
business that was edited by an infidel
and I do not suppose there is such an
one in the whole world.

It is a fact, however, to the disap-
agement of infidelity that some—if
not many—infidels, entertain and
practice the Christian view of liquor
drinking.

A great inconsistency, then, in the
Rip-Saw, is that it is not only Chris-
tian, but intensely so, and interlards
nearly everything that it says with re-
ligion quite as much as the ordinary
professional religious paper does.

Nor are these the advanced views
of religion that are now seen and
heard from so many religious papers
and pulpits, but the old-fashion religion
that believes in God and Jesus
Christ and the Holy Ghost.

The editor of the R-S states his
want of education, and this is evident
from the fact that he does not know
the grammar and orthography of his
own language.

Errors of this kind flourish luxu-
riantly in the Blade, but I do not be-
lieve that anybody who knows me at-
tributes these to my ignorance, but to
the fact that the conditions of my pa-
per are such as to preclude proof-
reading.

On the other hand the instances of
such errors in the R-S are not, at
all, such as appear to be accidental
but have all the evidence of being just
as they emanated from the pen of the
paper's editor who does all the writ-
ing for his paper.

There are many things in which
great natural common sense, without
education, count a great deal, but the
ology is not one of those things, but is
a thing requiring not only good classi-
cal education but special education for
that particular thing, and no editor
should presume to air his opinions
about the Bible and Christianity so
freely unless there is some reason to
suspect that he is informed upon the
subject.

Of course the preponderance of sen-
timent is so immensely in favor of
Christianity, in this country, that al-
most anything said in its favor goes,
but if an honest man would maintain
his own self-respect, and the respect
of honest and intelligent people, he

must not commit himself to dogmatic
positions upon a great and most im-
portant question about which there
are many reasons to suppose he is in-
formed.

Then there is, in the R-S, a use of
slang and what the Christians call
"profanity," that while moderately used
by an infidel, like I am, is incon-
sistent, even in moderation, in a Chris-
tian, and to the glaring extent used
by the R-S, simply unpardonable and
nauseating in the R-S.

A very large percentage of the print-
ing of the paper is simply slang and
"profanity" that adds nothing to the
force of the statements and is not wit-
ty.

Sam Jones the Methodist preacher,
used, or uses, more slang than any-
body, and it was exceedingly coarse
and uncouth, but, occasionally, there
was some little element of humor in
what he said, but not even this little
appears in the slang of the R-S.

Even in the case of Sam Jones who
made more money by the use of slang
the interest in the man has worn out
while the man is still living, and
whereas his name was once on all
tongues and in every newspaper you
can scarcely tell now whether Jones is
dead or alive.

The R-S, claims to be edited in the
interest of Populism and Socialism.

Socialism claims to be in the inter-
est of the poor and laboring class.

The poorest people in the world are
the Negroes. I am a Kentucky far-
mer, and naturally have much more
to do with Negroes than any city edit-
or would probably do, and I see many
faults in the Negroes, that are cal-
culated to do them and the whites too
great harm, but I am sorry for them
and wish I could do something to help
them.

I am a poor benighted heathen and
infidel and have no Bible to guide me
in this matter, and yet while I sym-
pathize with the black man and receive
from him very little sympathy in re-
turn, the R-S seems to me to be a
pleasure in making unkind things
about him, and in saying unkind things
about him, though the Bible has said
"God hath made of one flesh all na-
tions of men," and "God is no respect-
er of persons."

I think there are, in the Bible, a
great many things that are not good,
but I believe that Bible sentiment is
a good one, and wouldn't it be a good
thing if a Christian, like the editor of
the R-S, would change in this matter
and try to help the poor ignorant ne-
gro as that editor would wish some
good man would do for him if their
conditions were changed?

The "golden rule" is certainly good
whether we take it from Buddhism or
Christianity, and that teaches us that
we ought to be good to others as we
would have them be to us, under sim-
ilar circumstances.

It seems so unjust that a man who
was raised in the North as the editor
of the R-S says he was, and who sanc-
tions the taking of the Negroes from
the Southern people, as that editor al-
most certainly does, should now go to
a Southern state and talk more un-
kindly about the Negroes than almost
any editor would who had been born
in the South.

There are several things beside the
liquor question that are discussed in
the R-S, about which I agree with
it, but every page of it has various
injunctions that we ought to be like
Jesus Christ, and yet you could hardly
find any paper that has more to
say that is unkind about men and
especially the "nigger," the man of all
the men in the world who most needs
the assistance and encouragement and
advice of good and intelligent white
men.

I know the chances that I will influ-
ence the editor of the R-S by what I
am here saying are exceedingly few
and small, but I can at least show
what an infidel would have a Chris-
tian to do, and there is always some
chance that almost anything we say
will have some influence and I shall be
fully repaid if what I have here said
will have even a small effect upon
him for whose special benefit it is in-
tended.

The R-S, that opposes liquor drink-
ing and the "Harpoon" of Austin, Tex-
as, published in the interest of the
liquor trade, quote the Bible just alike
and abuse the Negro just alike.

Last weeks' and this week's Blade
come out as a half sheet, but we trust
that we can get in shape to come out
full size next week.

COURIER- JOURNAL ON ROCKEFELLER

The Courier-Journal has recently
had an editorial on Rockefeller that
has taken exactly the same position
about him that I have done ever since
the Socialists have selected Rockefel-
ler to crush simply because he is rich
and as the beginning of a concerted
effort to crush any and all men who
are rich except in a special instance
like Willshire, the Yankee Christian
millionaire English snobocrat of Tor-
onto, Canada, who is "exploiting" the
Socialists to make more money out
of them, and who is accordingly
damned by the little Chicago "Peoples'
Press" the only Socialist paper that is
edited by an infidel and which is real-
ly too extreme in its infidelity, and is
rather aimed at Catholicism than at
Christianity generally, one of its prin-
cipal writers being a "converted"
Catholic priest, Sequim, who took a
woman in honest marriage rather than
indulge himself in sexual indecency as
priests generally do, murder and de-
bauchery of women being prominent
among their varied list of crimes, and,
so far Sequim is all right.

But the absurdity of a Yankee mil-
lionaire, like Willshire, going to Can-
ada, an English country to print a pa-
per in the interest of the poor work-
ing man of the United States, and say-
ing in that paper, plainly, that it is
not possible for any American woman
to exercise the social influence that
an English "lady" can, is one of the
many things, that, fortunately, are
breeding discontent among Socialists
themselves.

In Kentucky we have Christian an-
archists representing, respectively, the
Democratic and Republican parties,
each assassinating the other by
attacking him in the back, in the dark,
each party supported and en-
couraged in this work, by the money
and prayers and flowers and eulogies
of his own party, and especially by the
women of those parties, but with all
the drunkenness and religion and crime
of Kentucky—suicide and murder and
divorce raging all the time like "yel-
low Jack" in New Orleans, there still
remains in the heart of the average
Kentucky man, a loyalty to his country
and to woman that makes him despise
and scorn the idea that an American
woman is inferior to the titled "ladies"
of Europe.

Women like Madame Stowe and
Stanton had made too deep an impres-
sion on the true American, and espe-
cially the true Kentuckian ever to have
their glories outshone by the costly
trinkets in the coronets of any foreign
women.

One of the greatest compliments
that I ever received was twenty years
ago when Dr. Bullock, of Lexington,
said I was the greatest journalist, ex-
cept Henry Watterson that Kentucky
had ever produced.

The difference between Watterson
and me is that he is a great man who
has been wrong and I am a common
man who has been right.

Henry Watterson and Joe Black-
burn, two of the most brilliant intel-
lects of Kentucky and the first the
greatest American journalist, have, for
the many years of their long and suc-
cessful careers been patrons of Ken-
tucky whisky, and now in his old days,
Watterson, a Confederate soldier, can-
not be Governor of Kentucky, as he
otherwise ought to be, simply because
the people of Kentucky are seeing the
horrors of whisky to such a degree, es-
pecially in murders in Christian sal-
oons on Sunday that they are simply
afraid to honor, as governor, any man
whose name has been so connected
with mint julep as Watterson's has, and
Joe Blackburn, after having been of-
ficially ranked as third among all the
prominent whisky drinkers of Amer-
ica by the bar-keeper in the saloon in
the capital at Washington, has now to
come back to "Dog Fennel" precinct
in Kentucky, and at a little local elec-
tion where a common uneducated man
was making whisky a prominent fea-
ture in his campaign for a state office,
proclaim that he had not taken a
drink of liquor in five years.

When two Blue Grass "Kentucky
Colonels"—real Colonels who have
in the Confederate army, have to come
here to "Dog Fennel" precinct, the
most famous country precinct in the

whole world and publicly apologize for
whisky drinking as both Watterson
and Blackburn have done, you may
know that a landslide in the liquor sen-
timent is taking place even in Ken-
tucky, a place that makes the most
famous whisky in the world and where
the people all take it "straight" ex-
cepting the religion they put in it.

But Watterson is right about Rocke-
feller. The only charge that can be
successfully sustained against that man
is that he is just what every other
man in the world would be if he could
—the richest man in the world.

He and his son are religionists and
they have a right to be, especially as
Christianity is a thing about which
neither of them is informed, but they
are both good and moral citizens and
the efforts of the combination of In-
del and Christian Socialists to crush
them simply because they are rich
will be a boomerang that will return
upon Socialism and wound it to its
death.

Rockefeller, with all his religion,
has been most generously using his
millions to educate the people through
Chicago University, the president,
(Harper) of which is an infidel, and
if infidels are honest in their conten-
tion that education makes infidels
they are certainly very narrow-mind-
ed in their crusade against Rockefeller,
who now is using the money that
he got by selling coal oil to give light
to the world, by giving education, at
an infidel University, to enlighten the
world.

GONE TO HEAVEN BY THE HEMP LINE.

The Asheville (N. C.) Gazette-
News, of Oct. 2nd, gives an account
of the legal hanging of Peter Smith
for the murder of his step-daughter.

Peter was a good Christian of the
Presbyterian brand, and on the scaf-
fold told the usual story, of all such,
how he felt that he had "a little clear-
ing to mansions in the sky" and exhorted
others to meet him in that nice place
to spend eternity.

If there is not some where, as
mistake about this matter, heaven
be full of murderers and all the people
who have done good for the world
will be in hell.

RICH WIDOW AT PRAYER IS STRICKEN DEAD

New York, Sept. 28.—While kneel-
ing at prayer in her apartment at the
Navarre, where she had been a guest
for a number of years, Mrs. W. G.
Clarkson, seventy-five years old, a
wealthy widow, died suddenly of heart
disease.

Mrs. Clarkson was the only surviv-
ing member of her immediate family.
She returned to this city from Europe
September 17th. On Tuesday night,
about ten o'clock, a woman and her
daughter who were in the room ad-
joining Mrs. Clarkson's heard her
praying for the welfare of the New
Amsterdam Bank and that her real
estate valuation would increase.

As the praying disturbed the woman
and her daughter, word was sent to
the office about 2 o'clock and their
rooms were changed. The child was
almost hysterical from fright. The
house detective rapped on the door of
Mrs. Clarkson's room, but got no re-
ply, as the widow was deaf. She had,
however, stopped praying.

The room was entered and she was
found partly under the bed, as though
she had fallen while on her knees.

FRED E. CARLTON Former Missionary and Naval Steward Convicted of Bigamy.

New York, Sept. 25.—Frederick E.
Carlton, Commissary Steward in the
New York Navy Yard, was found gUIL-
ty to-day of bigamy.

Carlton had four wives. Sentence
will be imposed to-morrow. He is ac-
cused also of stealing and will be
tried on that charge and on the charge
of circulating obscene pictures. Carlton
formerly lived in Washington, D.
C., and Cincinnati. He was a mission-
ary.

A real live Atheist has, apparently,
committed suicide at last. All the
Christian suicides will now be forgot-
ten, and there will be tremendous joy
in the Torrey camp over this single
incident. According to the newspa-
pers, Joseph Wade, a Bradford hawk-
er, put an end to his life by means of
a dose of laudanum. Before doing so
he wrote a letter to the coroner and
jury, setting forth his reasons for the
act—and a very manly letter it was,

too. The poor fellow said that influ-
enza had left him a physical wreck,
that he could not earn his living, and
that he had decided to die "rather
than burden the public with his main-
tenance and have years of trouble and
pain." "I desire to be buried," he con-
cluded, "without any religious cere-
mony, as I am an atheist, and conclude
with respect to all." Whether suicide
is justifiable or not, this man's last
words were a dignified leave-taking of
his fellow men.—Freethinker, London,
England.

PARSON STEALS HORSE AND RIG "Rev." A. Wilbur Bloom Arrested at Los Gatos for Theft of Mountain View Outfit.

San Jose, September 3.—A. Wilbur
Bloom, who was arrested to-day at
Los Gatos, confesses to being a horse
thief and lays claim to being a clergy-
man. On August 20th, Frank Mc-
Combs lost a horse and a brand new
rig, for which he had just paid \$175,
the outfit being stolen from Mountain
View. Sheriff's deputies followed the
trail of the thief and succeeded in lo-
cating the animal on Saturday after-
noon, near Saratoga. To-day they
found Bloom and the stolen buggy.

The arrest was made by Constable
Horn of Saratoga and City Marshal
Springer of Los Gatos.

Bloom's temporary residence was at
Alma. He has been touring the coun-
try, posing as a representative of the
Co-Operative Boys' and Girls' Aid So-
ciety. He declares that he was pastor
of the Christian church in Bakers-
field for several years, and that he is
still frocked.

When brought to the County Jail to-
day he candidly confessed his guilt,
explaining that he had made arrange-
ments to sell his own rig, and that
he did not have money enough to buy
another. Very composedly, he ex-
plained that McCombs' horse and rig
appeared to him to be aptly suited
for ministerial duties, and so he
took it and drove away.

Bloom's claim to the ministry has
been substantiated. Three years ago
he resigned from a prosperous church
in Bakersfield because of poor health.
He fainted in the pulpit during his
last sermon, and on his departure
from the town was given a popular
demonstration.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST A METHODIST MINISTER.

Everett, Wash., September 16.—
Charges of conduct unbecoming a min-
ister, falsifying and heresy were read
to-day against Rev. T. B. Elliott, pas-
tor of the Methodist church at Van-
couver, Wash., before the annual ses-
sion of the Puget Sound Methodist
Episcopal Conference. A select com-
mittee was named to investigate the
charges.

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of its patrons in the way of quick ser-
vice, through chair cars and Pullman
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and dining stations (owned and op-
erated by the Railway) are important
factors to the traveler who consults
his comforts as his business in a trip
Southwest.

Josephine K. Henry is writing a
pamphlet on "Marriage and Divorce"
and it will soon be ready for press. It
will be an up-to-date treatise of this
vital question that is claiming so much
attention from Church, State, and the
press. The size of the edition will de-
pend on the demand for this pamphlet,
persons wishing one or more copies
will please drop a postal to Josephine
K. Henry, Versailles, Kentucky.

The price of this pamphlet will be
announced later in the Blade.